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## Anna's Mexican Restaurant brings festive flair to downtown Matador

Anna's Mexican Restaurant in downtown Matador brings a festive flair to town with its ethnic cuisine and decor.

Frank and Anna Ortiz, owners, opened for business October 10, 2002, bringing a longtime dream to fruition.

The restaurant, located in the former location of The Windmill on Main Street features Anna's homemade cooking with Mexican and American food. Hungry customers can enjoy everything from Fajitas,

Enchiladas, and homemade tortillas, to cheeseburgers and chicken fried steak. "I love to cook," Anna said. "I have been cooking since I was about 10 years old. I cook like my Mother taught me." Anna is the oldest child in her family and remembers helping her mother prepare meals.

Frank and Anna, whose family roots are in Mathis, moved to Matador from Floydada in 1980 when Frank went to work at Matador Motor and

Implement for Larry Hoyle. He worked for Larry for 12 years and then went to work for Cooper Oil where he worked for one year before going to work at TxDOT where he has been employed for 10 years. Anna, a homemaker and stay at home Mom for several years, has worked at various jobs including Billy's Grocery Store and the First State Bank.

The couple, who begin each day with prayer, gives God the glory for bringing this longtime dream to a reality. "The opening of the restaurant was orchestrated by God, in His timing," Frank said. "Finding the right building and getting everything ready was all brought together by God."

"All of the equipment for the restaurant were like gifts from God. Everything is paid for. God blessed us with the finances to purchase everything we needed," Anna added.

Friends helped with the painting and decorating. Barbara Armstrong and Susan Gahr painted a beautiful mural on one wall and Sharon Allen painted some furniture for the business. "We really appreciate their help," Anna said. "We just started out painting everything off-white. Barbara came in one day and said, 'We'll come and help you.' And I'm glad they did."

The restaurant is a family affair, Anna and daughter Jeannette do all the cooking and Anna's sister, Frances Fonseca, who moved to Matador from Mathis a few months ago, is the waitress. Stachia Baxter also waits tables part-time.

"Jeannette started doing restaurant work when she was very young," Anna said. "She has 17 years experience at this type of work, so I have really

depended on her help. I knew I could cook, but I didn't have any idea about how to run a restaurant."

"We enjoy our customers. Everyone always seems so happy," Anna said. "I cook for people like I would cook at home and we want our customers to feel at home."

The day begins early at Anna's. Open Tuesday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Anna starts making tortillas early in the day for the already popular breakfast burritos. "We can pretty much make a burrito to your specifications," Anna explained. Two of the most popular are Egg and Charizo, and Potato, Egg and Cheese.

As much as she enjoys cooking, Anna takes the day off on Sundays and the couple usually enjoys eating out after church. "We will never open on Sunday," Frank said. "That's the Lord's day."

In addition to daughter Jeannette Klebahn, the couple also has a son, Frankie and a new daughter-in-law, Crystal. They have four grandchildren, Marcus, Ruby and Mercy and new to the family, Evan.

"We love Motley County and the people here and are glad to be in business here," Frank and Anna agreed. "We give God the glory for making our business possible and we thank the people here for supporting us," Anna said.

"With this business we wanted to help Motley County by bringing something new to the county. We hope to be a blessing to the people we serve, and we are blessed to be here," Frank added. "This is a great community, we love it here and we plan to stay here."



Anna and Frank Ortiz stand in front of the beautiful hand-painted mural on one of the walls at their new restaurant, Anna's Mexican Restaurant. The eating establishment in downtown Matador was a longtime dream for the couple.

## Motley County Chamber plans upcoming projects

by Penny Pipkin

The first Motley County Chamber of Commerce meeting for 2003 was held Tuesday, January 21, in the Library. New officers are Penny Pipkin, President; Shirley Smith, Vice-President; Annette Hollinsworth, Secretary; and Sondra Francis remains Treasurer.

Overall goals and strategies for 2003 were outlined by Penny Pipkin with a focus on accomplishing tangible results of Chamber projects.

It was acknowledged that the Chamber initiated and is maintaining a computer informational Website plus finally having Internet access, thanks to a computer installed through a MCISD grant. Board members commented that the members of the Chamber must be aware that these capabilities represent ongoing expenses for the Chamber while at the same time provide excellent promotional opportunities for bringing visitors to Motley County and business to the merchants.

The promotional billboard sign project was reviewed. Most of the paperwork has been completed to submit application to Texas Department of Transportation for the sign's erection. If approved, Motley County citizens will see one large business promotional sign going up at the intersection of Texas 70 and US 70/62 and another on US 70/62, just east of town.

It was announced that the Chamber will be presenting "welcome baskets" filled with coupons, gift certificates, and/or small items donated by Motley County businesses to new residents.

There was some preliminary discussion on the Chamber's main goal for 2003: the REFURBISHING OF BOB'S OIL WELL.

## Motley County Heart Fund campaign kicks off in February

by Earlyne Jameson

In honor of National Heart Month, the Motley County Heart Association, a community based organization, will have its annual Fund Drive during the month of February.

There has been an explosion of new non profit organizations, especially in the past decade and half. The AHA seeks to help all individuals and continue to identify needs, mobilize resources and research to be used for positive results. AHA should be measured by the positive impact it has made with citizens of Motley County. Your contribution to the Motley County Heart Fund is being used for a vital cause.

Volunteers serving on the Motley County Hospital board are Mrs. Odessa Mullins of Roaring Springs, Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert of Flomot, Mrs. Judy Cooper, Mrs. Myrna

Blasingame and Mrs. Earlyne Jameson of Matador. If you wish to give an AHA Memorial, please contact The First State Bank or Mrs. Jameson.

The best exercise for your heart is in helping others. Please lend a helping hand to the Motley County AHA Fund Drive in February. Your donation is a worthy investment, providing an excellent return for self, family and society. WE'RE FIGHTING FOR YOUR LIFE!

## Mother-Daughter Banquet set for February 17th

The Eternas Study Club will be hosting the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet Monday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Motley County School gym. All girls, K-12th grade, and their mothers are invited to attend.

Tickets are \$7.00 each and this includes a meal of BBQ brisket and all the trimmings and entertainment by Sherry's Flying Angels and the Motley County Gymnastics class.

Tickets will go on sale Saturday, February 1 and continue through February 14. To purchase a ticket contact Denise Ford or Ginger Gilmore at the Motley County School or Annette Hollinsworth at New to You in downtown Matador. Dress will be casual or wear your red, white and blue.

Make plans now for an evening of food and fun.

## State Director of Tourism to speak in Roaring Springs

Linda Campbell, State Director of Tourism for Texas Parks and Wildlife of Austin, will speak to the Texas Highway 70 Association, Thursday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting

will be held at the Community Center. Cold cuts for sandwiches will be served.

Everyone with an interest in this area is invited and urged to attend.

## Don't forget ... VALENTINE BRAG PAGES

will be printed in the February 13th issue  
Deadline for pictures is Feb. 6th!

(See page 6 for more details)

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## Matador Lions to host Annual Pancake Supper

Once again the staid, distinguished (but not stuffy!) members of the Matador Lions Club will don aprons and chef hats and start flipping pancakes, slinging batter, and sizzling sausages for their annual Pancake Supper, to take place at the MCISD cafeteria on Friday, January 31, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Matadors will challenge their big team rivals from Spur and will appreciate everyone coming out to support them, and the Lions Club!

Cost of the delicious dinner will be \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for 6th graders and under.

## Matador City Council takes care of city business at December and January meetings

At their December meeting, Matador City Council members were presented prices from Robert Morris of Warren Cat of Lubbock on used dozers. Council members reviewed the prices and asked questions about the different type of machines. Mayor Williams informed Mr. Morris that bids would be advertised at a later date.

Penny Pipkin, representing the Motley County Chamber of Commerce was present at open forum. Mrs. Pipkin had received a phone call from a family in Taylorville, Illinois wanting to relocate to Matador. The family is associated with gas exploration activities in the area. Mrs. Pipkin informed the Council that she would send the family brochures from the area and let them know what opportunities are available.

Mayor Williams presented the Council with a resolution that would allow him to sign a contract with the Motley County chamber of Commerce to lease the upstairs portion of City Hall. Shane Jones made a motion to pass this resolution and James Watson seconded. It was passed 4-0.

Another resolution was presented by the Mayor. This resolution was for the City of Matador to participate in the seal coat project with Ollier Engineering. Fred Parson moved to pass this resolution. James Watson seconded and motion passed 4-0.

Another resolution was presented regarding a records retention policy. This policy states what records need to be kept and for how long. James Watson made a motion to pass this resolution and Shane Jones seconded. This also passed with a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Williams also suggested to the Council that the city begin reimbursing the Matador Water District for the water that is used in the City. He stated that they had received \$1200.00 per month in the past and thought this would be an appropriate amount to pay.

The last resolution brought before Council members was for the Texas Plains Trail. This is a resolution that gives support to the volunteers and the Northwest Texas Museum Association to make the Texas Plains Trail a reality in West Texas and Plains Trail region of Texas.

Mayor Williams gave a report on the status of the nursing home. He stated the architects are designing the facility and the plans may be completed in January.

Mayor Williams attended a rehearsal in Lubbock for the upcoming water improvement grant. The presentation will be made in February.

Mayor Williams also stated that the 4A and 4B sales tax

boards will be appointed at the January meeting. He asked the Council to have names ready for submission.

Water Superintendent Steve Barton reported the city radios are working good. He informed the Council that employee Devin Perryman had used 8 days over his earned sick leave. It was suggested to let Devin work these days after hours or on the weekend to repay the days. Mr. Barton also stated that a tap for Tommy Gleghorn was completed.

At 8:48 p.m. Council went into closed session. After returning from closed session Fred Parson moved that all permanent employees receive \$100 Christmas Bonus and part time employee Elaine Risser receive \$25 net bonus. Shane Jones seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

All members of the Council were present at the December meeting with the exception of Bert Darsey.

At the January 9th meeting Mayor Williams represented a resolution to allow the Mayor to execute a Warranty Deed to transfer lots owned by the Vera and George Bond Estate to Market Matador. This is in exchange for taxes owned with all other entities completing similar documents. On a motion by Doyle Rose and seconded by Bert Darsey this resolution was passed 5-0.

A second resolution to allow the Mayor to sign a Warranty Deed transferring lots in the name of Don Tonroy to Market Matador in exchange for taxes owed. This is the same type of deed as discussed above. Bert Darsey motioned and Fred Parson seconded to pass the resolution, passed 5-0.

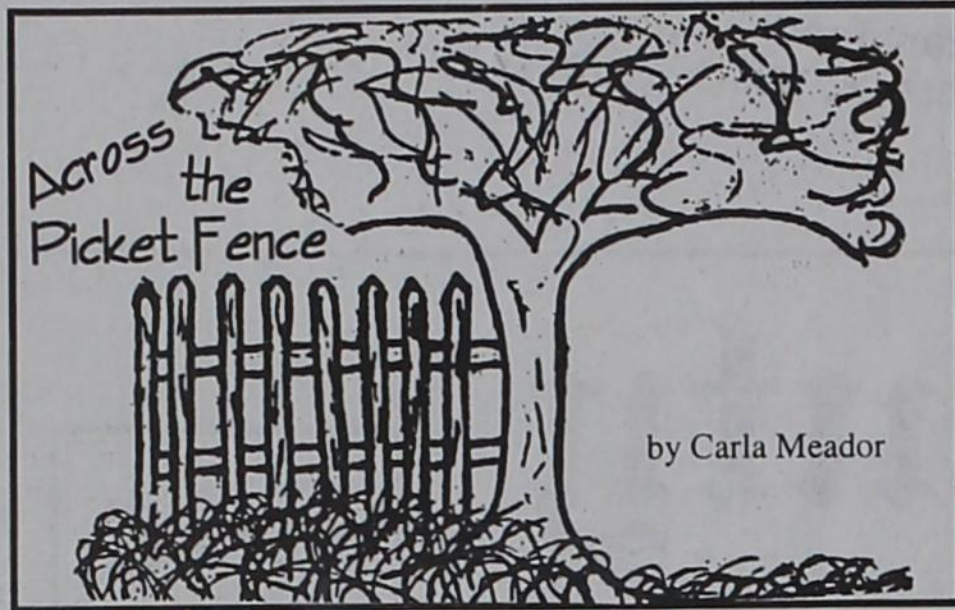
Mayor Williams presented a resolution from the City of Hamilton, Texas requesting support for a Bill in the Texas House next session. The Bill will ask for cities of 5000 and less to be exempt from the current law, which requires all plumbers to be licensed. This requirement is placing a burden on smaller cities that do not have an abundance of licensed plumbers.

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## Men's Breakfast Saturday

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, February 1, at 7:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Matador.

This breakfast is for all Men of the County, regardless of denomination.



I receive so many good e-mails and quite a few really bad ones, but this particular one really touched my heart. Some of you may have received it also. It is long and it is sad, but I hope you are touched by it as much as I was.

Brian Moore, 17, had only a short time to write something for a class. The subject was "What Heaven was Like."

"I wowed 'em," he later told his father. It's the best thing I ever wrote." It was also the last.

Brian's parents had forgotten about the essay when a cousin found it while cleaning out the teenager's locker at his school. His parents desperately wanted every piece of his life near them. It was only two months before, that he had handwritten the essay about encountering Jesus in a file room full of cards detailing every moment of the teen's life. But it was only after Brian's death that his parents realized that their son had described his view of heaven. It makes such an impact that they wanted to share it.

Brian died in May of 1997. He was driving home from a friend's house when his car went off the road and struck a utility pole. He emerged from the wreck unharmed but stepped on a downed power line and was electrocuted. The family framed a copy of Brian's essay and hung it among the family portraits in the living room. "I think God used him to make a point. I think we were meant to find it and make something out of it," his mother said of the essay.

This is his essay.

**THE ROOM**

In that place between wakefulness and dreams, I found myself in the room. There were no distinguishing features except for the one wall covered with small index card files. They were like the ones in libraries that list titles by author or subject in alphabetical order. But these files, which stretched from floor to ceiling and seemingly endless in either direction, had very different headings.

As I drew near the wall of files, the first to catch my attention was one that read "Girls I have liked." I opened it and began flipping through the cards. I quickly shut it, shocked to realize that I recognized the names written on each one. And then without being told, I knew exactly where I was. This lifeless room with its small files was a crude catalog system for my life. Here were written the actions of my every moment, big and small, in a detail my memory couldn't match.

A sense of wonder and curiosity, coupled with horror, stirred within me as I began randomly opening files and exploring their content. Some brought joy and sweet memories; others a sense of shame and regret so intense that I would look over my shoulder to

see if anyone was watching. A file named "Friends" was next to one marked "Friends I have betrayed."

The titles ranged from the mundane to the outright weird. "Books I have Read," "Lies I have Told," "Comfort I have Given," "Jokes I have Laughed at." Some were almost hilarious in their exactness. "Things I've yelled at my brothers." Others I couldn't laugh at: "Things I have Done In My Anger," "Things I have Muttered Under My Breath at My Parents." I never ceased to be surprised by the contents. Often there were many more cards than I expected. Sometimes fewer than I hoped.

I was overwhelmed by the sheer volume of the life I had lived. Could it be possible that I had the time in my years to fill each of these thousands or even millions of cards? But each card confirmed this truth. Each was written in my own handwriting. Each signed with my signature. When I pulled out the file marked "TV Shows I have watched," I realized the files grew to contain their contents. The cards were packed tightly, and yet after two or three yards, I hadn't found the end of the file. I shut it, shamed, not so much by the quality of shows but more by the vast time I knew that file represented.

When I came to a file marked "Lustful Thoughts," I felt a chill run through my body. I pulled the file out only an inch, not willing to test its size, and drew out a card. I shuddered at its detailed content. I felt sick to think that such a moment had been recorded. An almost animal rage broke on me. One thought dominated my mind: No one must ever see these cards! No one must ever see this room! I have to destroy them! In insane frenzy I yanked the file out. Its size didn't matter now. I had to empty it and burn the cards. But as I took it at one end and began pounding it on the floor, I could not dislodge a single card. I became desperate and pulled out a card, only to find it as strong as steel when I tried to tear it.

Defeated and utterly helpless, I returned the file to its slot. Leaning my forehead against the wall, I let out a long, self-pitying sigh. And then I saw it. The title bore "People I Have Shared the Gospel With." The handle was brighter than those around it, newer, almost unused. I pulled on its handle and a small box not more than three inches long fell into my hands. I could count the cards it contained on one hand.

And then the tears came. I began to weep. Sobs so deep that they hurt. They started in my stomach and shook through me. I fell on my knees and cried. I cried out of shame, from the overwhelming shame of it all. The rows of file shelves swirled in my tear-filled eyes. No one

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**Do Gooders Club of Flomot begins new year with optimism**

The Do Gooders Club met at the Community Center in Flomot Tuesday afternoon, January 7, and began the new year with optimism. Mrs. Waydette Clay conducted the business meeting. They were given a good financial report and discussed future projects. Members were reminded those who serve as hostesses for the monthly meeting would have the responsibility of presenting a program for the club.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay and Mrs. Waydette Martin performed entertaining comical skits followed by resounding laughter by the members.

Hostesses were Mrs. Anna Beth Clay and Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert. In the absence of Mrs. Calvert, Mrs. Leona Degan and

Mrs. Clay presided at silver appointments and served apples with fruit dip, sand tarts, chips and dips with special apple cider. The table was laid with a lace cloth and blue runner; centered with a silver bowl with compartments filled with colorful confetti. Silver bells arranged intermittently completed the lovely decor.

Mrs. Nada Starkey was winner of the raffle ticket drawing and was elated with the angel in a beautiful quilted ensemble.

Those attending were Mesdames Trula Martin, Judy Stark, Geneva Martin, Leona Degan, Nada Starkey, Kathy Shorter, Waydette Clay, Alma Shorter, Anna Beth Clay and Suzie Shannon.

**Arts & Crafts Club enjoys Christmas party**

by Winifred Darsey

The holiday season was a wonderful time for Motley County Arts and Crafts Club.

The Christmas Bazaar was successful and a fun and delightful time for all who came. The sales were good, the visiting and partaking of the bountiful tea table were enjoyable.

The Christmas Party was held at the lovely and beautiful new home of Dartha Westbrook. The Christmas decorations complimented the lovely home.

Mrs. Westbrook was a gracious hostess, giving everyone a tour of the house. She also demonstrated to the guest the art of making small gift boxes from used Christmas cards too pretty to discard.

The lighted Christmas tree was the focal point of the day, with a gift exchange, and a setting for the decorated brown bags.

The decorated bag contest with many pretty bags was held, with a silent vote taken. Vee Gordon won with her bag, painted a brilliant blue with pink flowers, resembling the Hibiscus. The door prize was won by Jo Sandlin.

The traditional Christmas dinner was delicious and enjoyed very much.

The members of the club that attended the late-night shopping event for visiting, dining and shopping all agreed that it was a lovely evening with all

the pretty decorations, the lights. The children were thrilled over Santa Claus, and were being real nice. It was a time to remember.

The first program of the new year was held at the Senior Citizens center on January 6. It was taught by Grace Garrison, assisted by Lorene Lancaster. The members were taught a new art forum, "Swedish Weaving." This is a lovely way to make many useful items, including table runners, placemats and other items of this form.

The club dined with the Senior Citizens on chicken fried steak, baked potatoes, salad, and pineapple cake.

Loys Campbell, Club President, held a business meeting. Business and future plans for the club were discussed. The club is off for a grand year.

Members present for the Christmas party were Joy Archer, Loys Campbell, Lana Copp, Vee Gordon, Grace Garrison, Dorothy Knight, Lorene Lancaster, Joyce Meredith, Dorothy Day, Donald Letkeman, Kathryn Russell, Pat Smith, Betty Simpson, Shirley Smith, Nova Dell Turner, Dartha Westbrook and Winifred Darsey.

The February meeting will be held the 3rd. Betty Henry will teach a class on painting with plastic. See you there!



We appreciate the memorial donations that we received this past week. Thanks to R.C. and Callie Giesecke and Roy and Joanie Stephens for their donations in memory of Kenny Abbott.

Twenty-five videos were recently donated to the library. Come in and look them over. Some are recent movies and you are sure to find one you would like to watch.

New books in the library include *Silent Partner* by Stephen Frey, *Indigo Dying* by Susan Albert, *Rodeo* by Lynn Campion and *Whispers at Midnight* by Karen Robards. There has also been a donation of two audio books. Our audio collection is getting bigger. Next time you're going to be driving a few hours, come in and check out a book to listen to on your way.

**Beth Moore Bible Study to begin February 4th**

A Beth Moore Bible study, "Beloved Disciple" will begin Tuesday, February 4, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. The study is from the book of John.

The 11-week study will be held each Tuesday morning, at 9:00 a.m. at the Church and each

Tuesday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Anne Seigler in Matador.

The only cost for the study is \$14 for the workbook.

For more information contact Lana Copp at 347-2425.

**Reception honors longtime resident**

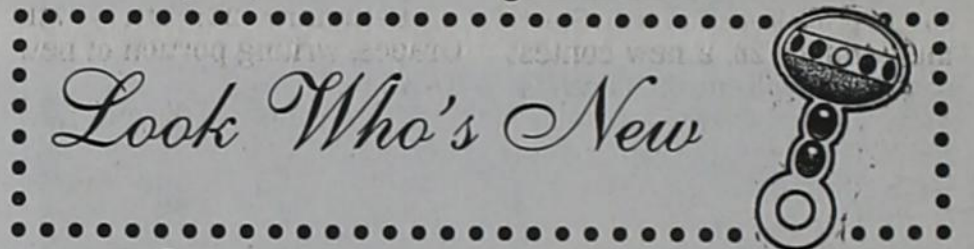
A lovely reception hosted by the Matador Assembly of God Church was held Saturday, January 25, at the Senior Citizens Center honoring Cora Hall. Many friends and family gathered to share this special event. There were moments of tears and laughter as folks shared and bid farewell to Cora.

Mrs. Hall was born in Matador in 1913 to Lydia and G.W. Ratcliff. She married Mark Hall September 9, 1933, and raised their children, Martha and Albert.

Out of town guests included her sister, Dora and husband, Paul Farrar of Denton; nephew George and wife Mary from Brownfield; Flora Mae Phillips from Memphis; and Buster

Birchfield from Andrews. Mrs. Hall was delighted to see former pastor, Rex Kreuzel and family, now of Dumas. She also enjoyed the phone calls, cards, letters and visits of well-wishers who could not be in attendance on Saturday.

Mrs. Hall will be moving to Washington state in the near future to be near her children and grandchildren. This is not an easy move for her as she leaves a lifetime of history and memories but also looks forward to being with her children, Martha and Albert of Seattle, Washington, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and soon to arrive her first great-grandchildren.



*Cheyenne El Wanda Mount*

Hank and Karen Mount of Roaring Springs would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Cheyenne El Wanda Mount.

Cheyenne was born January 14 at 4:01 p.m. at UMC Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 6

pounds and was 21 inches long. Welcoming their new baby sister are brothers and sisters, Kristopher, Larissa, Aaron, and Matthew.

Grandparents are Forest Carson of Roaring Springs and the late El Wanda Carson.

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**CONTROL**



There is a word that brings to our minds several different concepts. But the control we will speak of here is "self-control." We are listed in our Bible as one of the "fruits of the spirit." It is named in the list of Christian virtues that are to be added to our faith. Easier said that done. Someone has said, "He is every inch a king who rules with absolute authority over his appetites and desires."

R. Whitson Seaman also hit the nail on the head when he stated, "Abstain from what is harmful to the body or soul, and be moderate in your use of what is not." Self-control lies in some of these areas: What we say...what we wear...how we act...where we go...what we read...what we watch on TV...Here are some more: attending church services...how much we give...daily Bible reading...praying...and speaking to some one about their soul. Aren't these also matters of self-control?

The person who says they have no problem with self-control usually doesn't have any. The individual quoted earlier in again quoted here: "Not qualified to be in command of others is he who is not in command of himself." (Mr. Seaman). The world we inhabit would be a better place if all of us practice self-control more often. It begins with me and will you join me? Let's give it a try.

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# THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



## January is School Board Recognition Month

January is School Board Recognition Month. Local School Board members are Marisue Potts, Douglas Campbell, Coy Franks, Pat Smith, Tina Brooks, Shonda Elliott, and Les Woolsey.

As citizen leaders, individual school board members face complex and demanding challenges. Yet, few people fully understand the scope and far-reaching implications of board members' responsibilities. All Texans should recognize the vital contributions of these men and women and focus attention on the crucial role these elected public officials play in the education of our children.

Their job is to establish a vision for the education program, design a structure to achieve that vision, assure schools are accountable to the community, and strongly advocate continuous improvement in student learning. That job entails an endless string of meetings and school functions to attend; reams of reports, agendas, proposals, and other information to read and study; and a host of difficult decisions to make.

School board members come from all walks of life. They are farmers secretaries, doctors, lawyers, homemakers, architects, truck drivers, professors, business owners, and real estate agents, to name just a few.

While they wear many hats in the workday world, school board members put on a collective hat when they get down to the business of leading their school districts. Board members must pull together as a team toward a common goal — helping students achieve. While

they may individually disagree on certain issues, their role as a board is to consistently strive toward that goal.

Board members contribute hundreds and hundreds of hours each year leading their districts. Whether it be crafting policies, hiring top-notch administrators, listening to staff and student concerns, or recognizing outstanding programs, board members always keep their eyes on the goal of student achievement.

The time spent in board meetings represents just a small fraction of the hours school board members spend in leading their districts. They also work hard at seminars and training sessions to keep abreast of the latest trends in educational leadership, are deeply involved in community activities, and spend many hours in the schools and at extracurricular events.

Their love of learning, and concern and caring for students, staff and the community, drive board members' desire to lead so students can achieve.

In recognition of this dedicated service, January is designated "School Board Recognition Month." This is a time to show our appreciation and begin to better understand how local trustees work together to provide a better future for our children. In January, join with others from throughout our district and state to salute the men and women who provide grassroots governance of public schools. Make a special effort to tell each school board member that his or her hard work has been noticed and is truly appreciated.

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## Round two of District play begins

by Amanda Hurt

The second round of district play began on January 21. The Lady Mats had an upsetting loss in overtime, 40-39, against New Home. Brittany Moore (Soph.) was lead scorer with 13 points. Chasity Holman wasn't far behind with 12; Brittany Donaldson had 7; Mandi Ream, 5; and Stachia Baxter, 2.

The Ladies played their second game on January 24

against Southland, with a big win of 65-25. Brittany Moore (Soph.) led in scoring once again with 18 points. Charli Ream added 13, while Chasity Holman and Brittany Donaldson each put in 10. Ashlee Green added 6; Mandi Ream and Stachia Baxter, 3; and Ashley Fonseca, 2.

The Matadors also lost a close game to New Home, 49-47. Clint Cooper was lead scorer with 24 points. Seagram Sims

and Quinten Rose had 8, and Lorenzo Salazar, 7.

The Matadors defeated Southland 72-46. Lead scorer was Clint Cooper with 22 points. Seagram Sims added 18; Clay Cooper, 9; Lorenzo Salazar, 6;

Quinten Rose and Colton Russell, 4 each; Kenny Johannes, 3; Cody Cooper, Chance Bingham and Brandon Martin, each added 2.

## SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY, FEB. 3

**Breakfast:** biscuit, scrambled eggs, cereal, toast, juice, milk.

**Lunch:** BBQ/bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, chips, jello/fruit, milk.

TUESDAY, FEB. 4

**Breakfast:** hot cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

**Lunch:** ham, black-eyed peas, fried okra, corn bread, slice peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

**Breakfast:** pancake, sausage, syrup, cereal, toast, juice, milk.

**Lunch:** vegetable beef soup, toasted cheese sandwich, veggie sticks, crackers, fruit fluff, milk.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

**Breakfast:** cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

**Lunch:** chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, hotrolls/honey, milk.

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

**Breakfast:** biscuit, sausage, gravy, cereal, toast, juice, milk.

**Lunch:** corn dog, macaroni & cheese, salad, chocolate brownie, milk.

## Jr. Class selling Valentine-Grams

by Amanda Hurt

The Junior Class is now selling Valentine-Grams. Send a sucker with a message to your friend, teacher or that special someone. The Valentine-Grams will be delivered on Valentine's Day.

Each Gram will cost \$1.00 each. Suckers are sold everyday, except Friday, in the morning and during lunch, and at basketball games.

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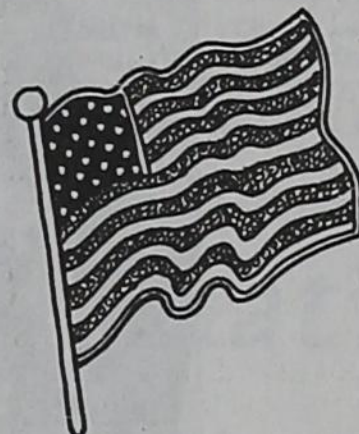
*"Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established."*

— Proverbs 16:3

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## CORRECTION

Due to the motion failing, a motion was left out of the School Board report in last week's paper.

"A motion was made by Pat Smith to look into changing the fund-raiser policy. Motion died to lack of second. A motion by Pat Smith, seconded by Douglas Campbell to leave fund raising policy as it is written and to revisit at a later date. Motion carried 6/0."

Good humor makes all things tolerable.

—Henry Ward Beecher

**Need job security?**  
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The Motley County PTO held its first meeting of the New Year on Thursday, January 23. Minutes were read from the previous meeting by Mary Ann Potts, and D'anna Russell gave a quick treasurer's report stating the PTO's account balance of \$2,914.60.

New business included an overview of the school's CATE (Career, Agricultural & Technology Education) Program. This program introduces students to Home Economics, Agriculture and Computer sciences, to name just a few. For some students it is the only opportunity to experience these fields. Basically, this program may be dropped from the MCS curriculum due to budget cutbacks. Mrs. Russell encouraged everyone present to write to our local representative, Rick Hardcastle at District Office, 1930 Fannin, Vernon, TX 76384, in support of keeping the CATE Program at MCS.

Also discussed was an upcoming Box Tops Contest. Starting January 28, a new contest begins and will end on March 14. More details will follow.

Plans are in the making for MCS's Annual Pajama Reading Party. One option considered is celebrating the event during school hours on or near Dr. Seuss' birthday. D'anna Russell, Tammy Simpson, Brooke

Barton and Mary Ann Potts will be working out the details as this event approaches. More to be announced at next month's PTO Meeting.

And the PTO is once again sponsoring The Little Dribblers. All 3rd - 6th grade students will have the opportunity to join in the fun of Basketball. Team leaders include Cathey Turner, Annette Hollinsworth and Lacy Rankin.

Upcoming events announced:

January 31: Gym Rockers performance during half-time of Varsity Boys Games.

Lions Club Pancake Supper at MCS Cafeteria.

February 8: Scrapbook Workday, time to be announced.

February 10-13: Six-Week Test Time.

February 13: PTO Meeting at 5:00 p.m., MCS Cafeteria.

February 17: Mother-Daughter Banquet.

February 25: 4th - 7th Grades, writing portion of new TAKS test.

9th Grade, reading of new TAKS test.

10th - 11th Grade, taking ELA.

Also, there are a few cookie dough tubs left for sale. Contact Tammy Simpson at 347-2202.

## Kids Praise set for February 5

Kids Praise will be held at the First Baptist Church in Matador, Wednesday, February 5, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. All children of the community, 2 years through 6th grade are invited to attend. Songs, crafts, a Bible story and refreshments will be enjoyed.

Kids' Praise is sponsored by the Women on Mission of the Church's WMU.

## School will dismiss early Friday

Motley County Schools will dismiss at 1:30 p.m., Friday, January 31.

This is in order for Motley County teachers to have an afternoon of in-service.



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## DISTRICT SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Jan. 3	New Home	there	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 7	Southland	there	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	Wilson	here	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 14	Spur	there	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 17	Patton Springs	here	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 21	New Home	here	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	Southland	here	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	Valley JV Tourn.	there	TBA
Jan. 28	Wilson	there	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 31	Spur	here	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	Patton Springs	there	5:00 p.m.

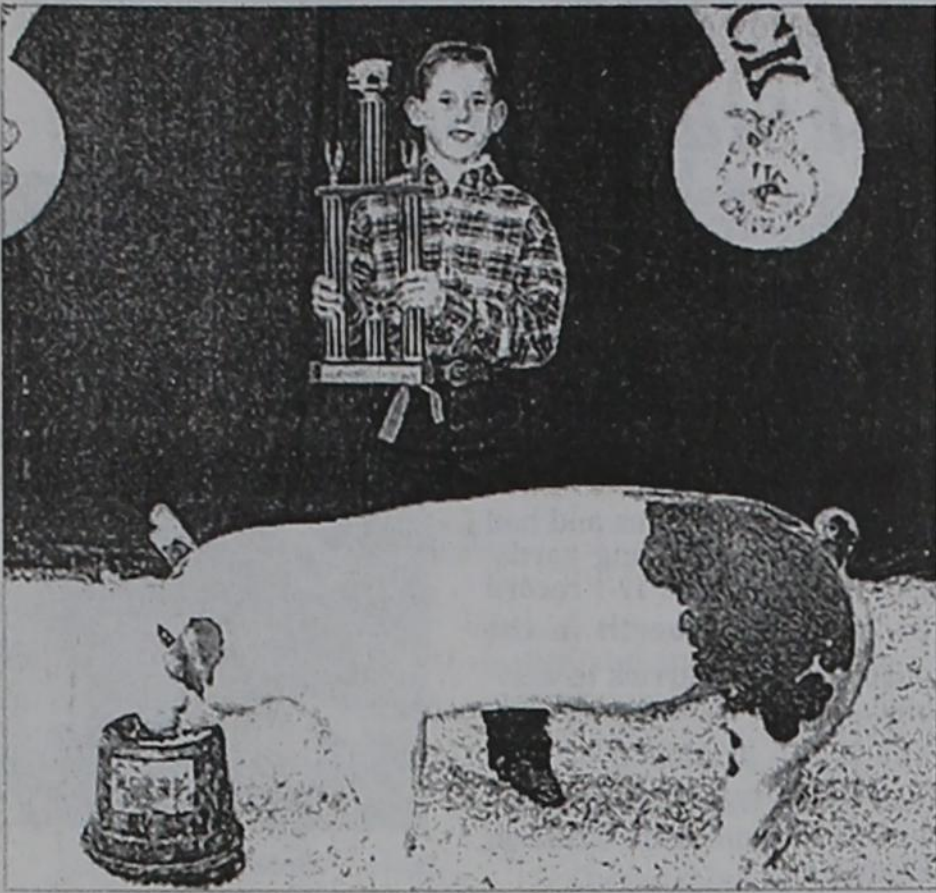
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MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS: Beginning at back, left to right, Chance Bingham, Kenny Johannes, Clint Cooper, Kevin Elder, Colton Russell, Seagram Sims, Clarissa Elizondo, Manager's assistant; (front) Xavier Elizondo, Manager's assistant, Quinten Rose, Matt Henzler, Lorenzo Salazar, Cody Cooper, Clay Cooper, Kattie Campbell, Manager.

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**GRAND CHAMPION SWINE** — Tyler Logan, grandson of Bill and JoAnn Durham of Matador received the Grand Champion Swine trophy at the Crosby County Junior Livestock Show. Tyler, a member of Ralls FFA, earned \$1,000 for the prize. He is the son of Ed and Deanna Logan of Ralls.

## Fire Department elects new truck captains

by Matt Crawford

A lot of business has been taken care of during the month of January at the Matador Volunteer Fire Department. Electing new officers, selling the old fire truck and ambulance, working on the budget, working out our dispatcher schedule, getting a new computer, and selecting new truck captains round out the month. Order has been kept to a "T" and fines have been raking in, thanks to our Tailtwister.

The new truck captains for 2003 are:

- Engine #1 - Rodney Williams and Paul Gonzalez
- Truck #10 - Brian and Brent Marshall
- Truck #11 - Phillip Sharp and Fred Parsons
- Truck #13 - Bobby Barton and Peppi Gonzalez
- Truck #15 - Lee Jones and Crawford Mason
- Truck #17 - Steve Barton and Matt Crawford
- Tanker #9 - Shawn Elliott

and Robert Fisk.

Truck captains are responsible for the maintenance, service, and making sure their truck is fairly clean. They also have to make sure it is ready for service at any time.

Here are a couple of calendar items to help remind members and to let interested people know.

- February 17, 7:00 p.m. - Spotter's School at the Fire Department building.
- March 1 - Matador Fire School.

Not only has January been good for business meetings, we have also had some good, practical training. With the possibility of some day maybe getting to put it into action, we learned about wildland fire fighting strategies and terminology. We also learned about putting on and wearing our air tank for structures and car fires. For the veterans the training was a refresher course, but for the rookies it was excellent training.

## City Council

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James Watson motioned for approval of this resolution and Bert Darsey seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Council went into closed session at 6:52 p.m. and exited at 8:10 p.m.

As a result of matters discussed in closed session the following was hereby declared.

The Council discussed the pending possible litigation concerning the circumstances which occurred during the recent seal coat project. The engineering firm was Ollier Engineering of Lubbock and the construction company was Robert Wagner Construction. James Gillespie had property damaged by the construction company and as of the date of the meeting, no settlement had been reached between Gillespie and Wagner. The Mayor stated that he had been contacted by Dave Charest of Ollier Engineering and Mr. Charest said that a lawyer for Mr. Gillespie had sent a letter to Wagner demanding \$6500.00 by January 23, 2003. Mr. Charest stated that Mr. Wagner said he would not pay. Based on advice of council Tom Hamilton, James Watson made a motion not to pay Wagner any portion of the amount owned to him until a settlement was reached between Gillespie and Wagner. This motion was seconded by Shane Jones and passed 5-0. A letter to the fact was sent to all parties by attorney Hamilton last summer immediately following the incident.

Concerning the matter of employment of city secretary Linda Perryman. A motion to terminate Linda Perryman as City Secretary as per City of Matador Employee Personnel Policy Manual, was presented by James Watson. The motion was seconded by Fred Parson and it passed 5-0. Mrs. Perryman's termination of employment was effective January 10, 2003 at 8:00 a.m.

December, 2002, bills were reviewed. Following the addi-

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Psalms 37:4

tion of several bills left off of the official list, all presented bills were approved for payment.

Mayor Williams asked council members for ideas as to protect to present to the four winds R C and D council for consideration for a \$500.00 grant. With a motion by Doyle Rose and a second by Bert Darsey, the council elected to apply for a grant for park improvement from four winds. The motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Williams presented a resolution to authorize the mayor to advertise for bids to purchase a new track loader. Doyle Rose made a motion with a second by Jim Watson to authorize the bid by approving the resolution. This passed 5-0.

Mayor Williams asked all council persons to have ideas to him before the February meeting on the budget for 2003-2004 year. The proposed budget will be presented in February, approved in March and become effective April 1, 2003.

Mayor Williams advised the council that he had requested by letter to the County Judge 1000 cubic yards of millings for road and ditch repairs.

Mayor Williams advised the council that the presentation for the water improvement grant would be presented to the regional review board on February 21, 2003.

All council members were present at this meeting. Also attending were Linda Perryman, Water Superintendent Steve Barton, City Attorney Tom Hamilton and R.C. Giesecke.



Little Guthri Jenschke didn't seem to mind her turn at sitting on the donkey during halftime of the recent donkey basketball game sponsored by the Junior Class. Guthri is the one-year-old daughter of Lonnie and Kim Jenschke of Matador.

## Picket Fence

from page 2

must ever, ever know of this room. I must lock it up and hide the key.

But then as I pushed away the tears, I saw Him. No, please not Him. Not here. Oh, anyone but Jesus. I watched helplessly as He began to open the files and read the cards. I couldn't bear to watch His response. And in the moments I could bring myself to look at His face, I saw a sorrow deeper than my own. He seemed to intuitively go to the worst boxes. Why did He have to read every one?

Finally He turned and looked at me from across the room. He looked at me with pity in His eyes. But this was a pity that didn't anger me. I dropped my head, covered my face with my hands and began to cry again. He walked over and put His arm around me. He could have said so many things. But He didn't say a word. He just cried with me.

Then He got up and walked back to the wall of files. Starting at one end of the room, He

took out a file and, one by one, began to sign His name over mine on each card. "No!" I shouted rushing to Him. All I could find to say was "No, no," as I pulled the card from Him. His name shouldn't be on these cards. But there it was, written in red so rich, so dark, so alive. The name of Jesus covered mine. It was written with His blood.

He gently took the card back. He smiled a sad smile and began to sign the cards. I don't think I'll ever understand how He did it so quickly, but the next instant it seemed I heard Him close the last file and walk back to my side. He placed His hand on my shoulder and said, "It is finished."

I stood up, and He led me out of the room. There was no lock on its door. There were still cards to be written.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

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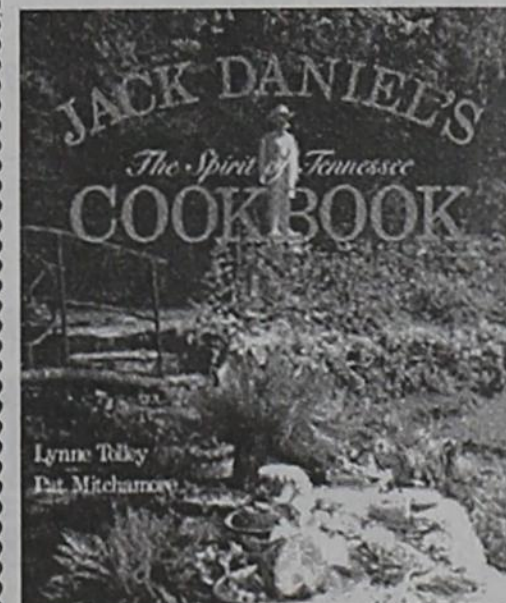
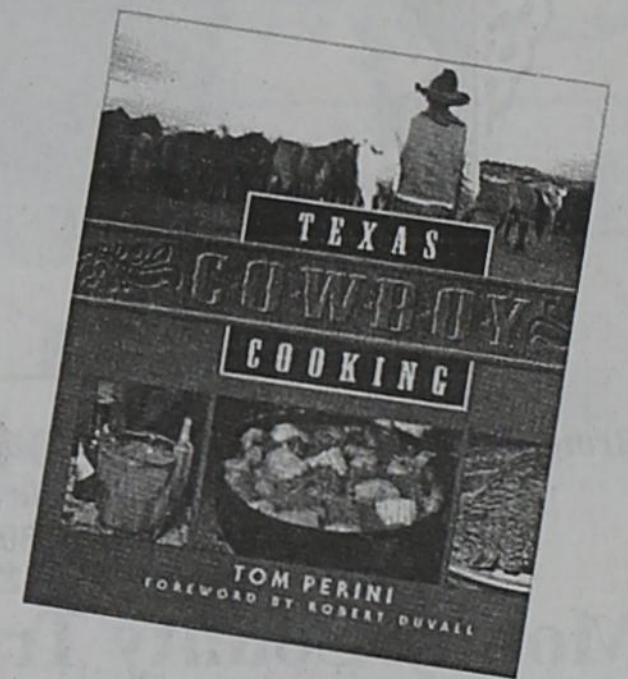
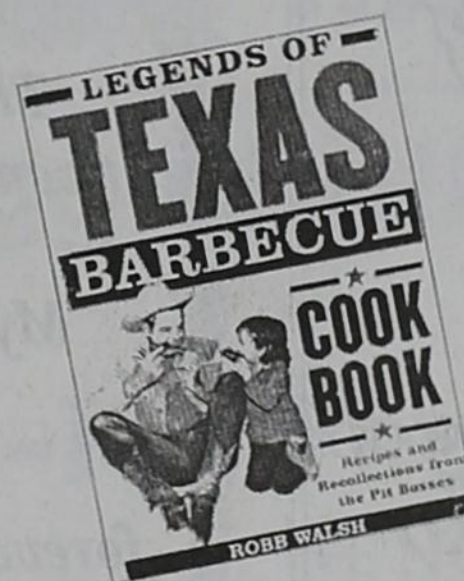
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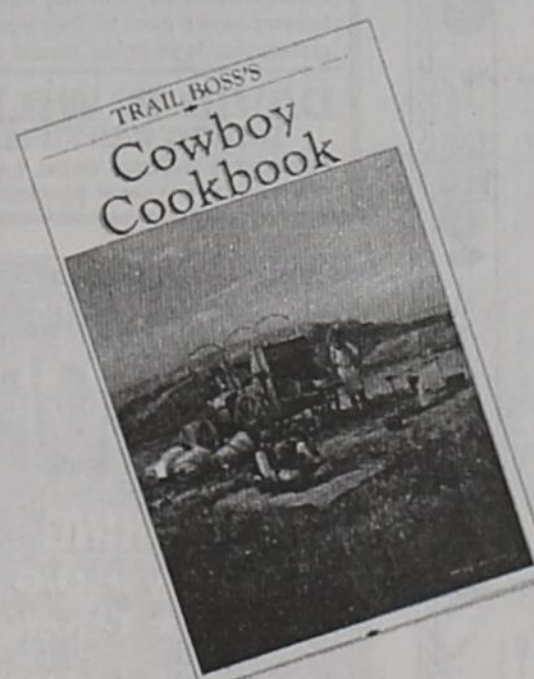
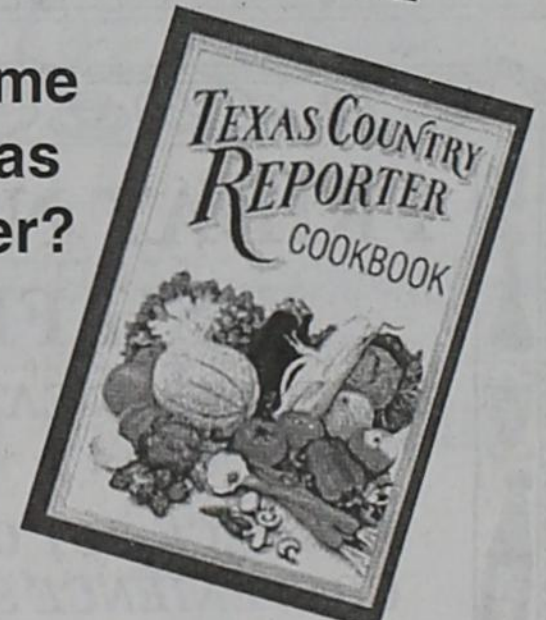
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# FARM & RANCH NEWS

## TFU Leaders return from Disaster Aid discussion in Washington

Washington -- Texas Farmers Union (TFU) President, Wes Sims and other members returned from Washington this week optimistic that federal aid for agricultural natural disasters may be forthcoming.

Sims and about 100 other farmers, ranchers and rural businesspeople pushed for emergency aid for farmers and ranchers hit with the most widespread natural disasters since the Dust Bowl. Lawmakers presented several disaster relief proposals before the group left Washington.

The coalition, comprised of 39 organizations and led by National Farmers Union, agreed on three disaster aid must-haves:

1) The assistance must be all-inclusive, meaning it would

cover all crop and livestock production and quality losses due to any natural disaster.

2) The assistance must be comprehensive, covering all losses for both 2001 and 2002 production years, and

3) The aid should come from "emergency" funds and not from cuts in farm bill programs.

Meanwhile, White House Agriculture Adviser Chuck Conner, who met with the group of farmers and rural businesspeople, outlined the three criteria the administration would use to judge a disaster plan: its cost, budget offsets and whether it would "move us closer to self-reliance."

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Secretary Ann M. Veneman declared more than 80 percent of all U.S. counties as agricultural disasters in 2002 and 48.6 percent of all counties in 2001.



### DISASTER ASSISTANCE PASSES SENATE TEST

Disaster Amendment approved by U.S. Senate will provide crop loss assistance to growers, just not the way they might have expected.

Senate action January 22 saw the approval of a revised Republican disaster assistance plan developed by Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Thad Cochran (R-MS). The Senate approved the Amendment by a vote of 59-36. The Senate defeated a subsequent attempt to replace the Republican plan with a Democratic alternative that was projected to cost significantly more.

Final approval of the FY03 Omnibus Appropriations Bill occurred late January 23 and puts the fate of the disaster program in the hands of a House-Senate Conference Committee. How the disaster language will fair in the Conference is unknown, although Administration support should work in its favor. The key will be whether or not House leaders accept the proposed cuts included in the Senate Budget Bill.

So the big question remains, which plan would have been more beneficial to producers. The Pros and Cons are not all that easy to identify but each approach had its good and bad points.

The catch for the traditional approach is that the higher payment amount would have first been reduced to conform to a specific payment limitation (as has been standard procedure in past programs) and then further reduced by an estimated 50 percent pro-rata factor to keep costs in line with available funds. It can be assumed that language requiring a pro-ration of payments would have been insisted on to keep costs within the savings made available through budget off-sets.

This means that assuming an \$80,000 payment limitation a producer with a loss that exceeded \$80,000 would have first been cut back to that level and then further reduced by one-half of that amount (assuming a 50 percent pro-rata), down to \$40,000 per entity maximum.

Under the Republican plan a producer who qualifies will be eligible to receive a lump-sum payment equal to approximately 42 percent of the TOTAL direct payments received on all crops for 2002 including all enrolled farms, not just farms that had individual losses.

This broadens the pot of payments significantly if other crops or farms did not have losses that would have increased program eligibility under a traditional approach.

All that remains is the completion of the Conference Committee before the program could go into effect.

PCG will continue to work to improve the final plan wherever possible. Key areas to be emphasized include finding ways to further target funds to those that need it the most and working to get higher payment levels to those that had greater than 35 percent losses.

Playing a role in the debate was the fact that only \$2.5 Billion was truly available to pay for the crop losses covered by a disaster assistance plan.

Plains Cotton Growers members made it very clear that they preferred implementation of a traditional disaster assistance program and that is the message taken to Washington by PCG Officers and Staff earlier this week.

Several things worked against the approval of a traditional disaster assistance program as offered by Democrats. Among the bigger issues were the higher cost (approximately twice the amount of available funds), a lack of appropriate budget offsets, and the inability of the Farm Service Agency to conduct the sign-up in a timely manner.

The upside of a traditional disaster program to producers would have been better targeting of funds to farms that suffered qualifying losses.

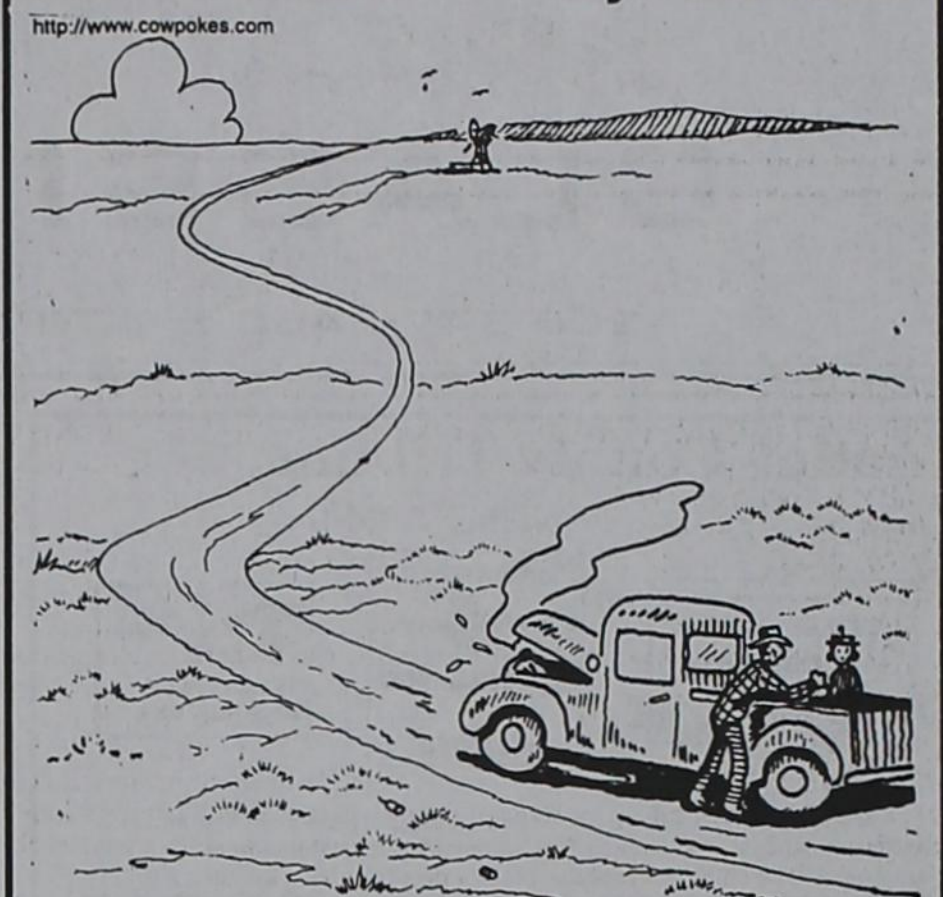
The Republican plan has warts of its own, specifically the broader scope of producers that are eligible to receive funds due to no specific requirement that an actual loss be identified. Residence of an operation in a county designated as a Primary Disaster county is all that is necessary to receive a payment. Producers in all 25 PCG counties are eligible for payments under the program.

Another knock on the Republican plan is that the level of assistance is perceived to be far less than producers need to offset the affects of poor crops in 2001 and/or 2002.

On the plus side of the Republican plan is the fact that assistance can be delivered quickly, payments received will be based on TOTAL direct payments an operation is eligible for under the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act in 2002, and the budget offsets paying for the program were included and appear to satisfy the previous objections of the Bush Administration for fiscal responsibility without opening up provisions of the FSRI Act to revision.

So how does the plan approved compare to a traditional disaster program? The answer could surprise people.

## COW POKES® By Ace Reid



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Off-road vehicles plowing through pristine riverbeds leave damaged riverbanks in their wake. More often than not, litter and other debris are left behind as trucks spin their tires and kick up rocks across Texas waters -- all in the name of fun.

This is a recreational activity for some people in Texas and is something that should be banned. Texas waterways have been alive for thousands of years, and irresponsible off-roading has caused extensive and sometimes irreparable damage to many areas once known for their scenic, clear-flowing streams.

The vehicles not only hurt the river ecology, but also make it difficult for others to enjoy traditional river activities that do not cause destruction, such as swimming, paddling, fishing and floating. Texas rivers, just like state and city parks,

belong to everyone. We don't tolerate drivers cutting ruts, tearing through vegetation and destroying public property in our public parks, and we shouldn't tolerate the same misuse in our rivers.

The issue of motorized vehicles in rivers will be discussed this year during the 78th Legislature, and the Texas Department of Agriculture has been gathering data and studying the effects of this practice. Last year, TDA participated as a member of the Motorized Vehicle Taskforce in Navigable Streambeds, established by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

We have come to a point where use has become abuse. Our rivers are much too valuable to allow their destruction simply in the name of recreation.

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February 13th Issue  
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Experts recommend having your fireplace and chimney inspected and cleaned once a year. You can also burn a Sweeping Log, a product that releases minerals and causes chemical reactions to break up any creosote.

Try these additional tips to help keep your next fire where it belongs—in the fireplace.

- Keep It Clear—Clear all debris away from the outside of the fireplace.
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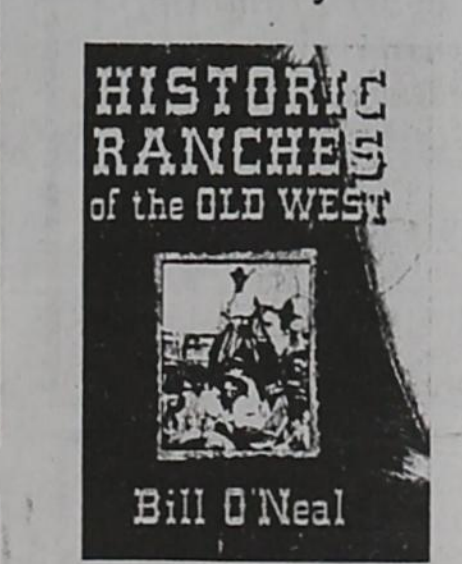
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